



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yuichiro OGAWA

Group Art Unit: 1791

Application No.: 10/532,315

Examiner: J. FISCHER

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Docket No.: 123624

For: TIRE MANUFACTURING METHOD, COVER RUBBER STAMPING DEVICE USED THEREFOR, TIRE, AS WELL AS RUBBER SHEET MEMBER STAMPING METHOD AND DEVICE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the December 21, 2007 Restriction Requirement, the shortened statutory period of time being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicant provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-15, with traverse.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-28 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in